

Condition Index Report identifies the northern 6,000 feet of the runway at below minimum service level.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration—
Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin
Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$500,000 will be used to complete a study and begin construction of an overpass across the Wisconsin Central Railyard on Lake Shore Drive in the Village of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The railyard is the largest of its kind in the State of Wisconsin and access at Lake Shore Drive is frequently blocked due to trains parked on the tracks. This overpass will allow for the safe and efficient passage of rail traffic through the community and allow for the delivery of essential services (including emergency services) to the residents of the community. The overpass will consist of a 532-foot bridge span across the yard and access ramps to the connecting roads on both sides of the structure.

Requesting Member: Hon. THOMAS E. PETRI
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Account: Federal Transit Administration—
Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wisconsin
Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Description of Project: This \$250,000 will be used to purchase 35-foot replacement accessible buses and related fare box equipment for the Fond du Lac Area Transit System.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JUDICIAL SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to introduce the Judicial Survivors Protection Act of 2009. The bill would provide a limited six month period for incumbent federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System (JSAS) and authorizes federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS to enhance their survivors' annuities.

The JSAS is an important optional benefit for federal judges. Unlike the survivors of other federal employees, judges' spouses and dependent children receive no survivor income benefits unless the judge elects to participate. Also, for a spouse to continue health insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program after the judge's death, the judge must have elected JSAS.

Currently only sixty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges participate in JSAS. While, the system is an opt-in system, in general, judges are bound by their initial decision for the remainder of their career despite changes in life circumstances. This leaves the survivors of the remaining forty percent of Article III and non-Article III judges at risk.

This bill would simply provide those forty percent of Judges, who did not initially enroll

in JSAS, a limited six month open season window to enroll in JSAS.

To compensate for their delay, new enrollees who previously declined to participate in JSAS would pay an enhanced contribution rate to preserve the financial integrity of the JSAS Fund. Finally, it would authorize federal judges to voluntarily increase their contributions to JSAS in order to enhance the value of their survivors' annuities.

Over the years, Congress has authorized such an open season three times: in 1976, 1985 and 1992. It has been seventeen years since the last open season and this bill is but a small step towards lightening what is often the financial burden of judicial public service.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Barry County Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: 1216 W. State Street, Hastings, MI 49058

Description of Request: This bill provides \$127,000 for vehicle equipment replacement and building repair. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will replace two expansion vans that provide safe and efficient transportation to a growing rural senior and physically challenged population in Barry County. It will also provide for replacement radios and building repair.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Belding Dial-A-Ride

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Depot Street, Belding, MI 48809

Description of Request: This bill provides \$63,000 for the City of Belding Dial-A-Ride. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will go towards the purchase of a lift-equipped bus, which will replace an older bus that has met its useful life.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Monroe Ave, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$500,000 for the Wealthy Street Extension. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because the construction project will

extend Wealthy Street and improve the existing street network in the vicinity of Millennium Park, which will ease traffic congestion and create an alternative artery to US-131.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride

Address of Requesting Entity: 251 East Adams Street, Ionia, MI 48846

Description of Request: This bill provides \$100,000 for the City of Ionia Dial-A-Ride. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will upgrade the Dial-A-Ride's facility. The upgrades include a new emergency generator, parking resurfacing, a new heater, and a new irrigation system.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Account: Alternatives Analysis

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Rapid

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Ellsworth Ave, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: This bill provides \$360,000 for a Streetcar Alternative Analysis Study. This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer money because it will allow the Rapid to assess the ridership projections, economic development potential and funding options that will determine if a streetcar system would be a valuable investment in the Grand Rapids metro area. The study is to examine different models of public and private partnerships to build the infrastructure and operate the system.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Name of requesting entity: Central City Community Development Corporation

Address of requesting entity: 2612 North Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to rehabilitate property to house homeless veterans.

Member requesting: GUS M. BILIRAKIS

Bill number: H.R. 3288

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Name of requesting entity: City of Tampa, Florida

Address of requesting entity: 315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33602

Description: The \$500,000 will be used to widen Cross Creek Boulevard, which provides an important connection from the city to the